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Ravalli County Commissioners

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Ravalli County
County Commissioners
Courthouse - Box 5001
Hamilton, MT 59840

Dear County Official:

I am pleased to notify you that on or about November 20, 2008, the Department of the Interior will issue an additional payment to your county for Fiscal Year 2008 under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program. The additional payment was authorized by the recently enacted Emergency Economic Stabilization of 2008 (Public Law 110-343) and represents the difference between your county's full 2008 entitlement level and the prorated payment that your county received on June 12, 2008.

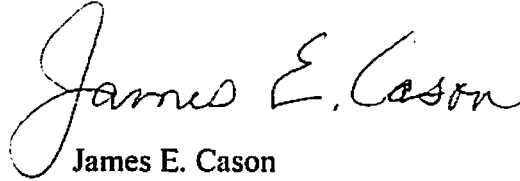
For the first time since 1994, your county will receive 2008 payments comparable to the full entitlement level. The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 authorizes full payment through 2012.

PILT payments help communities like yours to fund important services, including emergency response, public schools, and roads. The PILT program supports productive relationships with local communities and is a very important component of our partnership approach.

The amount of your county's additional payment is \$882,221. If current bank routing and account numbers for your county have been provided to our National Business Center office, an electronic funds transfer (EFT) will post to your account on or about November 20, 2008. If this information has not been received, a check will be mailed to your county from the U.S. Treasury in San Francisco on November 20, 2008. Should you require further information, points of contact are provided in the list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that accompanies this letter.

Additional information about the PILT program is available on our PILT website located at <<http://www.doi.gov/budget/pilt>>. Also included on the site is an EFT enrollment/change form to expedite receipt of PILT payments in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James E. Cason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

James E. Cason

Enclosures

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES [PILT] FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS [FAQs]

Question: How are PILT payments computed?

Answer: General information concerning the methods used to compute PILT payments can be found in the expanded FAQs section of the PILT website located at www.doi.gov/pilt. For more specific information concerning how a particular unit of local government's payment was computed please call Mr. Bill Howell, Office of the Secretary, Office of Budget, 202-208-3157 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who utilize a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) can call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Howell.

Question: The PILT Notification Letter stated the EFT payment due our county would be credited to our account several days ago. How can I find out where our payment was sent?

OR

Our county is not enrolled in EFT, and expected to receive our PILT check several days ago. Who can we talk to about this?

Answer: The phone number for the PILT Help Desk, at the National Business Center-Denver is 303-969-7722. The Help Desk can answer any inquiries concerning either EFT or check disbursement of PILT payments.

Question: To expedite receipt of our PILT payment in the future, our county would like to enroll in the EFT payment program. Where can we get a PILT Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Enrollment/Change form?

Answer:

- From the PILT Home Page at <http://www.doi.gov/pilt>, click on any line under the heading PILT Menu;
- Near the top of the screen, you'll see seven boxes, shaded in yellow. Click on the topic FAQ [Frequently Asked Questions];
- Click on Payment Method and ACH Enrollment Form, about ⅔ of the way down the list of subjects immediately under the yellow topic boxes.

The third paragraph of the ACH Enrollment Form also lists the phone and fax numbers where additional information and assistance is available.